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The mission of LWML North Dakota is to equip and encourage all women to share the compassion and hope of Jesus Christ.

JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2017

"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2

"Bearing Their Burden"

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2



Fall Women's Retreat September 15-17, 2017 The Chieftain in Carrington, ND

Women of all ages are invited, yes, even encouraged, to attend the annual Lutheran Women's Missionary League retreat in the central North Dakota city of Carrington. This year's theme is "Bearing Their Burden" and the topic under discussion is same-sex attraction and the hot button issues that accompany it such as same-sex marriage. Other areas of discussion will include other burdens of sexual sin such as pornography and its impact on marriage. Our leader will be Rev. Tom Eckstein of Concordia Lutheran Church in Jamestown. There will also be other activities along with the Bible study and topic discussions. Friday evening will feature a meet and greet with activities, Mercy Meals will be packed as a servant event, and a Saturday evening banquet will be held, followed by a "No Talent" Talent show. The weekend concludes with a worship service on Sunday morning. Plan now to join your sisters in Christ the weekend of September 15 – 17, 2017. If it is a challenge to attend for the full weekend you are welcome to join us for just one day on Saturday. Your LWML president will gladly share registration material with you, or you can find it on the website at www.ndlwml.org, and even in this issue of the Messenger. Please encourage all women of your congregation to attend. Make your reservations today!

(See pages 3-5 for more information)



LWML ND DISTRICT PRESIDENT



"WHO DO YOU TRUST?"

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge

him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

I have been thinking a lot lately about trust. One of the definitions of trust in the dictionary is this: "assured reliance on the character, ability, strength or truth of someone or something". Who do we trust in our world today? The President, the government, our family members, friends, the church or God? Who *should* we trust or who *can* we trust?

One of the devotions that I regularly read in the morning are the ones posted by Lutheran Church Charities. About a month and a half ago the devotion that morning was on trust and used the Proverbs verse above as their theme. It struck me and got me thinking about trust. Who DO you trust in your life? There was an exercise that I remembered that had two

people standing one in front of the other both facing the same way. The person in front was supposed to let himself fall backwards into the waiting arms of the person behind them, trusting that that person would and could catch them.

Do we trust God to catch us? All the time, every time? We might think we do but what about when we go through difficulties – an illness, a death of a loved one especially one who seems to us to be too young to die, the loss of an job, a divorce. Do we still trust that God knows best?

Trust in the Lord: not in ourselves and our abilities but in the One who is faithful and trustworthy. *With all your heart:* Your whole heart must be in this; there is no room for doubt. *Lean not on your own understanding:* Boy, am I glad I do not have to figure out life on my own. There are so many things in life that do not make sense. But, they make sense to God and He is there with his wisdom and understanding. Go to Him! *In all your ways acknowledge Him:* Some translations say "submit to Him". Do we do that? Do we let go of everything – our thoughts, time, talents, family, money – and give it to Him? *And He will make your paths straight:* God is the

One who directs our path. He can lead us, guide us, protect us, and provide what we need. Do we believe that? Do we trust Him to do that?

One of my favorite Bible stories is Peter walking on the water. Jesus calls to Peter to come to Him on the water. At first Peter does fine but then he lets the distractions of the wind and waves take his focus from Jesus. He starts to sink but when he calls to Jesus for help, Jesus is there for him. I know I let a lot of things distract me from Jesus and His love for me. But as I am starting to sink and my trust weakens, Jesus is there for me in His Word and as I talk with Him in prayer. Isaiah 26:4 says: *Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord is an everlasting rock*".

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee; Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Never let me fall. I am trusting Thee forever And for all.

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President Valerie

LWML ND DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN

President Valerie sent out these prayer requests she received via email, for Feb-June 2017:

- † Prayers for Sue Corwin's daughter Sheila, suffering from a blood clot in her leg.
- † Prayers for the family of Evelyn Allensworth who went to be with her Lord on 2-24-17.
- † Prayers for Past LWML President Virginia Von Seggern as the death of her husband, Burnell.
- † Prayers for Paulette Huber at the death of her father.
- † Prayers for the family of Bill Sharpe who received his crown of glory.
- † Continued prayers for Marlene Brandenburg suffering from cancer.

If you would like to be on the District prayer chain email list, email President Valerie at president@ndlwml.org and ask her to add your email to the list.

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should be sent to:
LWML ND Financial Sec.

Audrey O'Brien
PO Box 3
Oakes, ND 58474



"Bearing Their Burden"



Galatians 6:2: 'Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.'

Fall Women's Retreat **September 15-17, 2017** **The Chieftain in Carrington, ND**

Registration for entire weekend is \$70

includes all weekend meals

Friday evening gathering

Saturday:

*Singing, devotions, 4 sessions with Bible Study,
Mercy Meals servant event, No Talent/Variety show*

Sunday is singing and worship

FRIDAY EVENING:

SOCIAL TIME BEGINS AT 7PM

SATURDAY:

SESSIONS BEGIN AT 9AM

MERCY MEALS SERVANT EVENT 2:45PM

BANQUET AT 5:30PM FOLLOWED

BY THE NO-TALENT/VARIETY SHOW

SUNDAY

WORSHIP AT 8:30AM

Saturday Only registration is \$60

*Singing, devotions, 4 Sessions with Bible Study, 3 meals,
Mercy Meals servant event and No Talent/Variety Show*

What is your response to people who struggle with same-sex attraction? Is this an unforgivable sin? Does the Bible have no authority over us today? Pastor Eckstein will lead us through God's Holy Scripture as we examine this issue, marriage in our society and other present day topics.



*Join us for a weekend of Christian fellowship, Bible Study, present day situations,
Mercy Meals Servant Event and, of course, good food.*

Registration opens July 1, 2017. Check with your Unit President, Zone President, VP of Christian Life Mary Harvala at 701-652-5215 or the ND LWML Web site at www.ndlwml.org



Pastor Tom Eckstein was born in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, where he lived until he graduated from high school in 1981.

He attended Concordia College in St. Paul, Minnesota where he graduated in 1986 with a BA in Greek and Literature. He worked for 1 1/2 years with the mentally and physically challenged. He enrolled in Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in the Fall of 1987 and graduated with an MDiv in May of 1991. He was Ordained into the Pastoral Office on July 14th of 1991.

Pastor Eckstein served at Redeemer and Zion Lutheran Churches in Langdon and Munich, North Dakota, until December of 1994, when he accepted a Call to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Bismarck, North Dakota, where he served until March of 1998. In March of 1998 he and his family moved to the St. Louis Area where he served as Pastor of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Bridgeton, Missouri, until June of 2005. Pastor Eckstein has been serving Concordia Lutheran in Jamestown since June of 2005 and looks forward to many wonderful years of Ministry in this area.

On June 4th of 1988 Pastor Eckstein married his wonderful wife, Andrea. They have 3 children -- Birgitla, Joshua and Christiana. Pastor Eckstein enjoys playing guitar and singing, spending time with his family, reading, playing tennis and watching classic Star Trek episodes.

THINGS TO BRING: *What to Bring*



Bible, Mite Offerings, Friends, Relatives

For Friday Evening (if you so choose)

Board Games, Card Games and the like - or walking shoes if you want a bit of fresh air with a friend.



LWML Store

Jammed packed with our favorite LWML

items and more.

Everything for purchase - or to look at and order from the catalog at your convenience.

Devotion/Worship Leader

for the 2017 Fall LWML Retreat will be

Rev. Adam Moline

Rev. Moline is the current Senior Counselor for the ND District LWML. He serves Immanuel-Hankinson and St. John - Belford.

The Fall ND LWML Women's Retreat is sponsored by the LWML and is designed for ALL women of the ND District and their guests. Come join us, grow in faith, relax and kick back.

ND LWML 2017 Fall Women's Retreat

September 15-17, 2017
Chieftain in Carrington, ND

"Bearing Their Burden"



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Galatians 6:2

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Tentative 2017 Retreat Schedule Overview

Friday, September 15, 2017

7:00 pm Registration, Campfire Fellowship

Saturday, September 16, 2017

7:15 am Registration
7:30-8:45am Breakfast
8:45am Singing
9:00am Opening Devotions/ welcome announcements
9:20am "Bearing Their Burden" #1
10:30am Break
10:40 am "Bearing Their Burden" #2
11:45am Lunch
12:30 pm "Bearing Their Burden" #3
1:20 pm Break
1:30pm "Bearing Their Burden" #4
2:30pm Break
2:45pm Mercy Meals Servant Event
5:30pm Banquet
6:30-7:15pm No Talent Variety Show
Sunday, September 17, 2017
7:30am Breakfast
8:15 am Singing
8:30am Worship with Rev. Moline
Questions? Need Additional Information?
Contact: **Mary Harvala**
Vice President of Christian Life
PO Box 293
Osage, MN 56570 701-652-5215

Motel Information

Chieftain Convention Center

80 4th Ave. S.
Carrington, ND
701-652-3131

Carrington Inn & Suites

101 4th Ave. S.
Carrington, ND
701-652-3982

Cobblestone Inn & Suites

835 5th Ave. N.
Carrington, ND
701-652-3000

We strongly recommend making your room reservations as soon as possible. A limited number of rooms will be held until the end of August. Please cancel any room reservations you will not be using.



Registration opens July 1, 2017
Please make checks payable to
ND District LWML
Mail registration and check to:
Audrey O'Brien
PO Box 3
Oakes, ND 58474
Phone: 701-742-2305

2017 ND LWML Retreat Registration

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Cost:

\$70 for the entire weekend.

(Includes materials 3 Sat. meals & Sun. breakfast)

\$60 for Saturday only

(Includes materials and 3 Saturday meals)

Dietary Restrictions:

Health and Emergency Information

Please list any health conditions, allergies, or medication you are taking that should be considered in case of an emergency


Emergency Contact

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Relationship: _____

Please confirm registration by

e-mail _____ regular mail _____

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 If the Lord blessed the day with sunshine contribute 50¢ if not contribute 25¢	2 First Lincoln Penny Issued In 1909. Place all your pennies in your mite box	3 Prayer for the members of St Paul Sykeston	4 National Chocolate Chip Day. Bake a batch of cookies and share with a shut-in.	5 Think of the countless blessings God gave you without asking. Contribute 10¢ for each blessing you have counted.
		8 Dollar Day The US dollar was created in 1786. Add a \$1.00 to your mite box.	9 Prayer for the emotional care of our pastors Mite Project #106 contribute 25¢	10 If the Lord blessed the day with gently breezes contribute 50¢	11 Son and Daughter Day. Contribute 25¢ for each of your children	12 Hawaii became a state. Add 5¢ for each state you have visited
	7 Prayer for the members of Bethal Bismarck					
	6 Friendship Day. Pray for that special friend. Contribute \$1.00 for her support.					
	14 Prayer for the members of Holy Cross Bismarck	15 National Relaxation Day. Relax in the Lord today while thanking him for your blessings.	16 If the Lord blessed the day with rain contribute 50¢ if not contribute 25¢	17 Prayer for the members of Trinity Tolley	18 School will start soon. Pray for the students and teachers.	19 National Potato Day. If you ate potatoes today contribute 50¢
	13 Left Handers Day. If you are blessed to be a left hander contribute 50¢.					
20 Thank God for your church. Contribute 25¢ for each hymn sang today.	21 Senior Citizen Day. Give a 1¢ for each year the Lord has blessed you with.	22 Be an Angel Day Encourage an LWML sister today.	23 Pray for our District President Valerie Bilberdorf	24 Pray for the emotional care of our pastors Mite Project #106 contribute 25¢	25 If the Lord blessed the day with wind contribute 50¢ if it is calm contribute \$1.00	26 National Toilet Paper Day. Contribute 50¢ for each bathroom in your home.
27 Thank God for your Sunday School Add 50¢ for each teacher.	28 Prayer for the members of the Valley Bismarck	29 Pray for the emotional care of our pastors Mite Project #106 contribute 25¢	30 Read Ephesians 1:3-4	31 Prayer for the members of St. John Underwood	When we count our blessings instead of our money we are all rich.	

*North Dakota District
Lutheran Women's Missionary League*

Remember that Mission Grant Projects for the 2018-2020 biennium are due September 30, 2017. Pray for the Lord's guidance to submit a request.

Mission Grant VP ~ BONNIE KRENZ

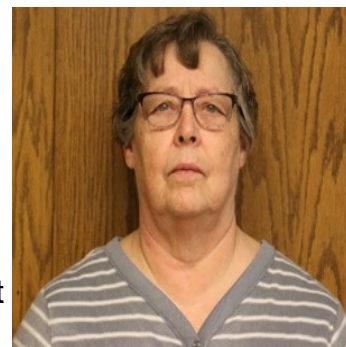
Applicants needed for LWML ND District 2018-2020 Mission Grants.

Do you know of an organization who could benefit from the prayers and mites of the North Dakota LWML?

There is not much time left to apply, and the LWML ND District Mission Grants Committee is eagerly awaiting your grant application for the next biennium. Applications are due by Sept. 30, 2017 and available at www.ndlwml.org.

We are looking for recipients who are Lutheran Church Missouri Synod entities or who have Recognized Service Organization Status with the LCMS.

Our bylaws state: Ministries seeking funding should (1) be mission in emphasis, extending the ministry of the Word; (2) fit into the plans and projections of the LCMS; (3) be current and ready for implementation; (4) be on-going in nature, continuing after the grant money has been expended. For more information contact Bonnie Krenz, Vice President of Mission Grants at missiongrants@ndlwml.org



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DISTRICT DATES

- ◆ Fall Women's Retreat @ Carrington ~ September 15-17, 2017
- ◆ Deadline for 2018-2020 Mission Grant Applications ~ September 30, 2017 (see article on page 7)
- ◆ LWML North Dakota District Convention @ Holiday Inn in Minot ~ June 22-24, 2018



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LWML ND District Mission Grants 2016-2018 Biennium

MISSION GRANT	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
ND District Full-Time Church Worker Scholarships	\$35,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$21,000.00
Orphan Grain Train—ND Branch	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	-0-
Wahpeton LCMS U	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	-0-
Christ the Way Radio Ministry	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Providing Spiritual & Emotional Care for Pastors	\$8,000.00	-0-	\$8,000.00
Concordia Fort Wayne Food Coop	\$5,000.00	-0-	\$5,000.00
Christ's Care for Children: Kenya	\$4,320.00	-0-	\$4,320.00
Grace Lutheran School Scholarship Fund	\$5,000.00	-0-	\$5,000.00
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch (partial funding)	\$4,680.00	-0-	\$4,680.00
TOTALS	\$76,000.00	\$25,500.00	\$50,500.00

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